

WINSTER COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 8th July 2024, 7:20pm, held at the Jubilee Room,
 Burton Institute, Winster.**

These minutes are hereby approved as a true and accurate record of the above meeting following Resolution of the Council at its monthly Council meeting on 2nd September 2024

Signed Chair of meeting

In attendance: Cllr. Frederickson (Chair), Cllr. Cooper, Cllr. Brown, Cllr. Geddes, Cllr. Randles, Cllr Stone.

Also Present: Trisha Dale (Clerk), 4 members of the public.

No.	Item	AP
07/01/24	Apologies Apologies received from Cllr. Hatfield, Cllr Robinson	
07/02/24	Declaration of Interests No declaration of interests received.	
07/03/24	Reports: A: County Councillor's Report: None this month. B: Borough Councillor's: None this month. C: Police Report: None this month. The Parish Council were advised that a Councillor had met the new PCSO at the Street Meet, which reports of infringements had been sent to the new PCSO who advised these should be reported either via 101 or Derbyshire website. It was asked what support the PCSO was giving to the community. A meeting to be arranged with the new PCSO to discuss issues and what support was to be given. D: Chair Report: None this month.	DF
07/04/24	Public Participation Resident 1: The issue of cars parking on pavement is still an ongoing problem. The other day whilst out accompanying partner in a wheelchair they had no choice but to cross the road as unable to get passed a parked vehicle. After crossing the road, they encountered a further three vehicles parking on the pavement and causing obstruction. The Parish Council explained that they have spoken to car owners who responded politely that they would refrain from parking on the pavement, and that it had improved. However, if the owners don't park there then others can and may do so. It was suggested that cones with no parking could be placed. It's a difficult problem, it was felt that unless there is a physical sign it would be difficult to stop. The issue of heavy vehicles and tractors using Main Street was also raised following some recent disturbance with a vehicle becoming stuck. Both items will also be included in the discussion with the new PCSO. On a different matter the resident wished to thank the Parish Council for encouraging wild-flowering and rewilding. That it was absolutely brilliant that this was happening and everyone the resident had spoken to was in agreement. The Yellow Rattle that appeared will now, after flowering, start seeding and hopefully set and will only get better as more ground space is recovered. That we need to think of the younger generation, and we need to encourage bugs and beetles. Resident 2: Advised the Parish Council that they had raised a complaint with DDC licencing department regarding the recent festival held on Friday at Middleton by Youlgrave. Whilst in principle not against festivals, the low reverberations of the music that was licenced until 3am was disturbing. The Licencing department stated they were	

	<p>aware and had received other complaints which will be considered although the resident advised they are already selling tickets for next year.</p> <p>The resident raised the issues, as per previous meetings, of parking on the small road from the Miners Standard to the Poor House still being bad as in order to pass they needed to drive up on the high kerb, though luckily no damage was done. On Saturday the carpark was full, with cars parking on the road near Ore House and by the Poor House which did not help the situation.</p> <p>A request was received for no parking cones to be installed. This item to be added to the list for discussion with the new PCSO.</p> <p>Resident 3: After attending the Carnival, the resident was embarrassed about the state of the ginnels, there are a lot of nettles, thankfully no child seems to have been stung. The resident had spoken to the Borough Councillor about the issues and that it appeared that no spraying or maintenance had been done. That Winsters currently looks a disgrace.</p> <p>The resident disagreed with Resident 1 in regard to the wild-flowering, rewilding as they felt that the village currently looks like a jungle. That the entrance to the village was shameful, and that Resident 3 was not alone as others have commented and that they were advised to contact the Parish Council. It was suggested that the Parish Council have a rethink on Wild-Flower meadows.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders Suspended</i></p> <p>A few Councillors declared that they had been approached by residents. That there will always be those in favour, those against and those in the middle, and that the Parish Council had to consider all views. That the Parish Council are duty bound to consider biodiversity. That the move to Wild-Flowering takes time to bed in, perhaps mowing more of the verges was a possibility, as an approach to neaten up whilst the flower processes.</p> <p>Another Councillor was approached by many residents concerned over what they believe is a state on Leacroft. The Councillor reassured the residents following the last meeting in readiness for the Carnival the areas at the top end for judging and bottom, where the band parks, would be mowed as per the June minutes 06/05/24. But this didn't happen, leading to more dissatisfaction. This was disputed, the mowing had taken place as per agreement with the Carnival Committee. It was explained that any mowing had to consider and protect the newly growing/seeding Yellow Rattle. It was agreed that there was a misunderstanding on what individuals believed was to be mowed.</p> <p>Regardless of the above issue residents still dissatisfied with conditions at Leacroft, it was suggested that the residents living by the area should be asked what they want and let them decide.</p> <p>The resident raised concerns over the Project Lead, that it was being led by a layman and not an expert in the field. This was strongly disputed by the Parish Council who explained that the Lead was very knowledgeable and is professional in this area. That the Parish Council was not an outlier on wild flowering, this is taking place nationally.</p> <p>On the subject of Ginnels, it was agreed action is required. A Councillor offered to remove the nettles, asking the resident where they were located, this information was not provided. Clerk to contact District Councillor to see what can be done.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders Reinstated</i></p>	<p>MR, Clerk</p>
<p>07/05/24</p>	<p>Members Questions to the Chair</p> <p>The Parish Council were made aware that Hawkers who seemed to be targeting the residents living in the bungalows have been in the village. A resident was sworn at because they refused to purchase anything with others being intimidated, with the offenders placing their bags in doorways to try and prevent doors being shut. They were believed to be presenting themselves as ex-Servicemen.</p> <p>It was reported to a Councillor, who attended but they were no longer present.</p> <p>Residents were made aware of the issue.</p> <p>It was asked if anyone had purchased anything as this would encourage them to revisit, the attending Councillor was not aware of anyone buying anything.</p> <p>It was asked if a "No calling zone" was possible. It was explained that this had been requested before but unfortunately didn't meet the criteria, however a live database for logging evidence was in existence to aid support. Fortunately, there are not many instances but this in turn doesn't help with meeting the requirements needed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

07/06/24	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto A: The minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 3rd June 2024 were considered and approved. (Prop: JG 2nd: AS; Unan)</p>																															
07/07/24	<p>Finance A: To note the Council's monetary assets: Royal Bank of Scotland, and for the Chair of the meeting to examine, approve and arrange to sign the bank reconciliation and latest current account statements when available.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="341 439 1358 842"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>As at 8th July 2024</th> <th>As at 3rd June 2024</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Balance brought forward 1st April 2024</td> <td>£44,730.52</td> <td>£44,730.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Income</td> <td>£24,883.42</td> <td>£24,586.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenditure</td> <td>£8,798.43</td> <td>£6,823.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td>£60,815.51</td> <td>£62,494.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Last Statement Balance as at 30th May 2024</td> <td>£62,389.18</td> <td>£63,685.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less un-presented cheques</td> <td>£2,255.45</td> <td>£4,280.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Add uncleared deposits</td> <td>£681.78</td> <td>£3,089.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Available Balance 8th July 2024</td> <td>£60,815.51</td> <td>£62,494.04</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>NOTE: The summary shown on the agenda omitted the June payments, the above includes the adjustments.</i></p> <p>B: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque, of presented invoiced items, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) T. Dale – Salary and stationary expenses - £43.30 + £343.20 = £386.50 ii) F. Purslow – Salary and expenses – £14.22 + £338.69 = £352.91 iii) E. Smith – Cleaning (additional cleaning of doors) - £140.00 iv) SSE – Utilities – DD paid in May - £191.89 v) WaterPlus – Utilities – DD paid in May - £19.75 <p>In addition, late submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Simon Wood Gardening Services – Buffer Maintenance and reimbursement of supplies for the village toilet - £213.20 <p>C: To note the income and receipts of the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) L. Petts Stonemason – Burial Ground - £235.00 ii) Honesty Box - £61.78 <p>(Prop: DF 2nd: JG; Unan)</p>		As at 8 th July 2024	As at 3 rd June 2024	Balance brought forward 1st April 2024	£44,730.52	£44,730.52	Total Income	£24,883.42	£24,586.64	Total Expenditure	£8,798.43	£6,823.12	Balance	£60,815.51	£62,494.04				Last Statement Balance as at 30 th May 2024	£62,389.18	£63,685.15	Less un-presented cheques	£2,255.45	£4,280.43	Add uncleared deposits	£681.78	£3,089.32	Available Balance 8 th July 2024	£60,815.51	£62,494.04	
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07/08/24	<p>Council Matters A: There was no update on Playground replacement and funding was given. A giant Connect 4 and Jenga have been donated to the Parish Council for village use at Carnivals etc. Details to be sent to the clerk for update in the asset register. The Parish Council were advised that there is an upcoming event at the Church that will include a Brick Build Lego for children. It was requested that the Parish Council support a request for funding from Secret Gardens to purchase such Lego for village use, with equipment to be stored at the Burton Institute. The request was agreed. B: A brief update on the wild-flowering was given as a report to Better Derbyshire Dales Fund was requested and near to completion following the Wild-Flower survey recently carried out. It was agreed that an article on the survey should be provided for the village magazine. As the grass is virulent and hinders growth other options, methods and supplements are being considered at present to enhance and support a speedier growth of wild flowering. The Parish Council were advised that, due to connections, advice would be requested from a famous gardener, although not guaranteed it would be worth trying. C: Following the appeal regarding the request under Freedom of Information on housing the Lead Councillor was contacted by DCC legal department. This was outside the</p>	<p>DB,</p> <p>DR, MR, DB</p>																														

	None this month.	
07/10/24	<p>Correspondence & Circulars: Noted and discussed, correspondence received and pre-circulated to Members by email, unless otherwise indicated, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) DCC – Community news, Mobile Library. ii) DDDC– Notice of Election, Statemen of Persons Nominated. iii) Public Sector Executive – various. iv) PDNPA – Parish Bulletin. v) DALC – Pre election Period, National Grid Proposal. vi) Resident – Concerning Overgrowth, Fly Tipping. 	
07/11/24	<p>Items for the Village Magazine: Items on Wildflower Survey and Thank You to those involved in the Carnival and Winster Wakes.</p>	JG, DF
	<p>The next Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Monday 2nd September 2024, at the Jubilee Room, Burton Institute, Winster. Meeting closed at 8.13pm.</p>	